

of crime prevention and reduction, but that the implementation of community policing may be better suited for reducing the fear of crime in communities and in improving public relations.

Yet, detracting from Sozer's research and writing are significant issues of editing errors. The book, unfortunately, is replete with typos, repetitive paragraphs, punctuation errors, inconsistencies in the use of symbols (e.g., "\$" vs. "dollar," and "%" vs. "percent"), and authors cited in the text but not listed in the references (e.g., Tom Tyler). Additionally, the author distractingly uses the word "utilize," or its derivative, in excess of three dozen times throughout this slim volume.

In spite of these weaknesses, however, Sozer's book is an uncomplicated read and a satisfactory reference for researchers taking a further look at the effectiveness of community policing, for criminal justice professors who teach community policing, and even for undergraduate criminal justice students who are striving to learn the basic ins-and-outs of research methods and data analysis. And, while Sozer's research may not "close the book" on the impact of community policing on crime, it does, in one more small way, make greater sense out of a complex and ever-evolving crime policy debate.

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World renowned forensic scientist, Dr. Henry Lee, in collaboration with Dr. Jerry LaBriola, recounts several of his most fascinating criminal investigations in *Shocking Cases from Dr. Henry Lee's Forensic Files*. Dr. Lee astutely balances a narrative that is both accessible, yet replete with scientific and forensic material. His plain spoken vernacular style allows the reader to comprehend even the most technical details that are integral to each case.

Shocking cases is comprised of five chapters, each of which examines a different case from Dr. Lee's career. Although varied in many ways, the cases share the commonality of being complex and challenging. Chapters follow a similar structure in which background information is provided, an overview of the incident is presented and ending with the resolution of the matter in question.

Throughout the book, extensive information is provided as it pertains to physical evidence, autopsy results, crime scene descriptions, and DNA findings. However, *Shocking Cases from Dr. Henry Lee's Forensic Files* is not dry, mechanical reading. We learn about the individuals central to these cases both victims and suspects. There are also several color and black and white photographs relating to the crimes.

Included in each chapter are extended discussions on specific topics of interest, referred to as "sidebars." These sidebars offer an expanded look at topics such as gunshot pattern residue analysis, classification of sociopathic versus psychotic personalities, DNA analysis, and a primer on the different types of stab wounds. The information conveyed in the sidebars is not only informative and edifying but engrossing as well.

The first and probably most sensational case was that involving music producer Phil Spector, charged with the murder of struggling actress Lana Clarkson. At trial, Dr. Lee testified for the defense and explained what evidence he believed allowed for the possibility of suicide, rather than murder.

Dr. Lee discusses specifically the accusations that were made against him during the trial and expounds somewhat further on the general issues raised about defense expert witnesses.

He takes us through first trial and the retrial. Dr. Lee suggests that the case was although possibly legally proved "beyond a reasonable doubt," it may have not been so scientifically.

The Brown's Chicken Massacre is the topic of the book's second chapter. In 1993, seven people were murdered at a restaurant in Palentine, Illinois. Dr. Lee was called in to work with the local task force in an attempt to solve this cold case.

This chapter includes not only all the comprehensive information, pertinent to the case, but also provides a window into the infighting among politicians, law enforcement, and the community, among others, that impeded the resolution of this case. Many years after the crime, two suspects were eventually brought to trial (and convicted) of the crimes.

The next case takes us to Ohio to investigate the murder of a nun. From the time of the murder, until Dr. Lee was called in, 23 years had elapsed. Although he was initially a suspect, local priest Father Robinson was not charged during the initial investigation. Efforts to conceal certain elements of the crime resulted in impropriety on the part of the church and the police department. These actions obstructed justice during the initial investigation. After Dr. Lee's involvement, Father Robinson was tried and convicted of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl.

The next case took place in Dr. Lee's home state of Connecticut, at the same time he was the state commissioner of public safety. The shooting and killing of an African American teenager, ignited hostilities and racial tensions within the community, as questions were raised surrounding the justification of the shooting. There were varying accounts of what occurred, depending on who was interviewed. Dr. Lee worked to determine whether the young man was shot in the back while he was running away or shot as he was running toward the officer.

Dr. Lee's work in this case not only involved evidence and crime reconstruction but also the sensitivity and diplomacy needed to address the potentially volatile situation.

While all of the book's cases are riveting in their own way, the last chapter, which deals with genocide in Bosnia–Herzegovina, is exceedingly poignant and compelling. Dr. Lee discusses his involvement with a humanitarian project undertaken to identify victims of ethnic cleansing and war crimes under Milosevic. A comprehensive historical perspective as well as a detailed account of the project is included.

As part of a collaborative American and Croatian effort, Dr. Lee, along with several colleagues, excavated graves and used DNA analysis to identify those murdered during wartime. In reading about his experiences in Croatia, we are privy to a seldom revealed personal side of Dr. Lee, his time there profoundly affecting him. The brutality and barbarism involved in the ethnic cleansing will undoubtedly touch those who read about it.

Shocking Cases from Dr. Henry Lee's Forensic Files allows us to understand how Dr. Lee approaches and investigates a case, by allowing the facts to guide him. Relying not on prejudice or assumptions, the hard evidence is what ultimately reveals the facts of the case and leads Dr. Lee to his conclusions. His investigative skills, based on scientific evidence, have enabled Dr. Lee to solve previously unresolved cases. As a reader, you are taken along this quest for answers, and ultimately truth, wherever that may lead.

The fascinating nature of Dr. Lee's work makes *Shocking Cases from Dr. Henry Lee's Forensic Files* an enjoyable and engaging read for criminal justice students and faculty, those studying or working in the field of forensic science, and readers of true life crime.

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